

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2002.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Jerry Trumps, (Chair), Chris Williams, Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Marc Mouton, Rob Stevenson

**ABSENT:** None

**COUNCIL STAFF:** Norma Dugas (Clerk), Veronica Williams, (Assistant Clerk), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Becky Lalumia (Associate CAO/Finance & Management), Steve Dupuis (City-Parish Attorney)

**COMMENCEMENT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(000) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Jerry Trumps called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of August 6, 2002 to order.

**EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(002) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: President’s Report.

Bids commended for award:					
ITEM	VENDOR	LUS ITEM	COUNCIL APPROVAL NEEDED	LOW RESPONSIVE BID	ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT
Splice Closures	Reily Electrical	Y	Y	LOW	\$22,024.20
Water Projects	Supply				
Stock	SPI Municipal	Y	Y	LOW	\$22,620.40

Motion to approve all bids by Williams, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:  
YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Stevenson  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton  
RECUSED: None  
*Motion was unanimously approved.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(016) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: LUS Director’s Report.

No report was given

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(020) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: O-023-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending Ordinance O-019-2002 LPUA by revising the effective date of electric, water and wastewater rates for customers of the Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) who reside outside the corporate limits of the City of Lafayette, motion to adopt by Williams, seconded by Stevenson.

Huval explained that the initial reaction LUS is expecting from those receiving LUS service, but are outside the City limits, was to cause them to have an incentive to annex into the City and some indications to do so have been received. It takes approximately six (6) months to go through the process of annexation and this ordinance would give these subdivisions and businesses time to do so.

The Chair then called for a vote on the motion, and the vote was as follows:  
YEAS: Trumps, Stevenson  
NAYS: Williams  
ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton

RECUSED: None

*Motion failed.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(060) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: O-024-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority declaring the Westside Electric Substation Project a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of property and the necessary rights-of-way and other property rights requisite to the construction of said project, either on an amicable basis or through the expropriation process, if necessary, motion to adopt by Williams, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Trumps, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(083) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: O-025-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the FY 2001-2002 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and amending Wastewater Work Order 3820, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

Huval explained that this is a mid-year budget revision to cover unexpected issues such as an additional \$600,000 for security for plants post-September 11<sup>th</sup>, to make sure funds are available during hurricane season, increased power services at the wastewater plants, to abide by Civil Service action regarding the reorganization of the Customer Service Department, promotional costs and vehicle replacement, and the purchase of property for sludge produced by the wastewater facilities.

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Huval explained that this budget revision is being requested because these are all items that need to be addressed in this budget year to be able to continue to operate for the rest of the year. Increased power services are caused by the large amounts of rain this area is receiving over a typical year. The Sheriff's Department is being used for security because they can provide protection 24 hours a day (3 trained officers, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) and the officers are trained in using a gun.

### **INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(334) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: O-027-2002 An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the FY 2001/2002 Operating Budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the increase in revenues in the amount of \$115,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Water System Security Grant Program, motion to approve for introduction by Stevenson, seconded by Mouton, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(350) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Comments from the public concerning the above Introductory Ordinances.

None.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(350) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Comments from the public on other matters.

**Yolanda LeBlanc**, 607 Bellevue Plantation, explained that the residents of this area are still waiting for a sewer project. This area was incorporated into the City ten years ago. LUS obtained rights of way from the residents and the project was to begin in January, 2002. Now SLEMCO is

refusing rights of way on a portion of the line, however; property owners have already given permission to cross. The SLEMCO lines run overhead and certainly would not interfere with the sewerage project going underground. SLEMCO is holding the subdivision hostage. She asked for intervention with this situation.

Huval interjected that there are many locations throughout the City where utility companies share rights of way. In this particular case SLEMCO has formally indicated that it would not allow LUS to cross their rights of way so LUS has started the expropriation process. Trumps requested that the City-Parish Attorney consider placing the “quick-take” ordinance (project specific) back on the agenda for consideration.

**ADJOURN**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(569) There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Trumps declared the LPUA Meeting adjourned.

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NORMA A. DUGAS  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL